Give the gift of life, be a blood donor Jan. 26

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Reminder to give, to save

The Niagara College blood donor clinic is this Thursday between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. in the gymnasium.

People who intend to give the gift of life should have a good breakfast on that day and refrain from alcoholic beverages for at least 24 hours before donating.

Pop and juice will be offered to students before they donate, with doughnuts and coffee after.

The program with the highest percentage participation rate at the clinic will be awarded the Corpsuckle Cup.

The clinic is organized by the Student Administrative Council and the Welland Chapter of the Red Cross.

Satisfaction is helping, Jackie says

Giving blood doesn't hurt, costs you nothing and gives you the satisfaction of helping your fellow man, Jacqueline Robarts, Niagara College president, said.

A graduate nurse herself, Miss Robarts stressed the need for student donations at the blood donor clinic to be held Jan. 26.

The clinic is "very important, with the Canadian system dependent on donations of blood from individuals...and we never know when someday we may require it."

Miss Robarts, who was instrumental in starting the Osler School of Nursing in Weston in 1966 which later became part of Humber College, said she is proud of the number of Niagara College students who have given blood in the past and is "hopeful the turnout this year will be better than ever."

Blood meant life for them

PEGGY HOWELL

Give blood; give the gift of life.

Thousands of lives each year are saved by blood transfusions.

Because of this precious gift, two Niagara College students lives were saved by their receiving blood transfusions.

The birth of a baby, usually a joyous time, can be marred when there are complications.

There were complications at the birth of Jerry Zahachewsky, 22, second-year human relations.

Jerry was born with jaundice. In some cases, the condition disappears as the baby gets older, but in Jerry's case a blood transfusion was needed. The transfusion in November of 1961 saved Jerry's life.

Peggy Howell, 18, first-year fashion arts, needed a blood transfusion as a result of a car accident.

Coming home from E.L. Crossley High School, Thorold, Peggy's car slid onto the other side of the road. The car on that side hit her on the driver's side.

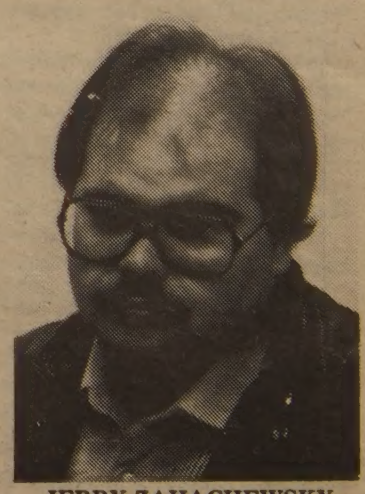
Peggy's head went through the window and the jaws of life were needed.

Rushed to the hospital, she was given a blood transfusion. She was in a coma that first night and doctors thought she might not make it.

She was in intensive care the first week; she couldn't, and still can't, recall what happened.

Peggy spent 3½ "quite boring" weeks in the hospital and another 3½ months at home.

Both Peggy and Jerry are grateful for their precious gifts and agree that when giving blood "you really are saving someone's life."



JERRY ZAHACHEWSKY

Technology challenge for versatile woman

By CAROL ALAIMO
Staff Writer

Computer engineering student Fern Lucarelli has the qualities you'd expect of a woman in technology.

"I love a challenge," says the 25-year-old first-year student, who has caused many a wolf whistle in the halls of the Lundy building.

"I'm also an aggressive person, which puts a lot of people off at first, and I'm very determined."

Determined, indeed, is this woman who holds two jobs, one as a part-time teacher, and has a bachelor's degree in psychology from Brock University and a Niagara College social services diploma.

Fern enrolled in technology after a stint in social work proved unfulfilling.

"It takes a certain kind of person to do social work," she said.

"I found it wasn't a job I could leave at the end of the day. I was taking it home with me, and I decided it was better to get out."

Fern Lucarelli adds feminine influence to the computer engineering program.

Adjustments

Studying the world of numbers, formulas and electronics has required certain adjustments, she said.

"This is all brand new to me, and more of a challenge than anything I've ever studied. It's been very difficult picking up on concepts the other students seem to know already with my minimal background in math and science."

She admits disappointment at first-term grades that were "only average", but is hopeful because "I've heard it said that if you pass first term, you are well on your way."

As a woman in a male-dominated classroom, Fern felt "a little patronized at first," but said the situation is getting better now that people know each other better.

"Sometimes there is just a hint of male chauvinism, but most of the students and teachers have been very good to me."

Fern is a part-time teacher with a local separate school board's heritage program, where she teaches Italian to grade school students.

She is the organist at Holy Rosary Church in Thorold and keeps active with a health club membership. Her activities list grew recently when the college branch of the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE) appointed her master of ceremonies for three of its major function.

Advantages

Fern, who lives at home with her parents, comes from a family of dazzling women. her sister, Rina Lucarelli, is a professional fashion model working in Toronto and Europe.

Fern admits that feminine charms can be an advantage in a male-oriented world.

Has she ever stooped to batting her eyelashes?

"Sometimes," she says with a grin.

The taxman cometh — again

BY DON BERNARD
Staff Writer

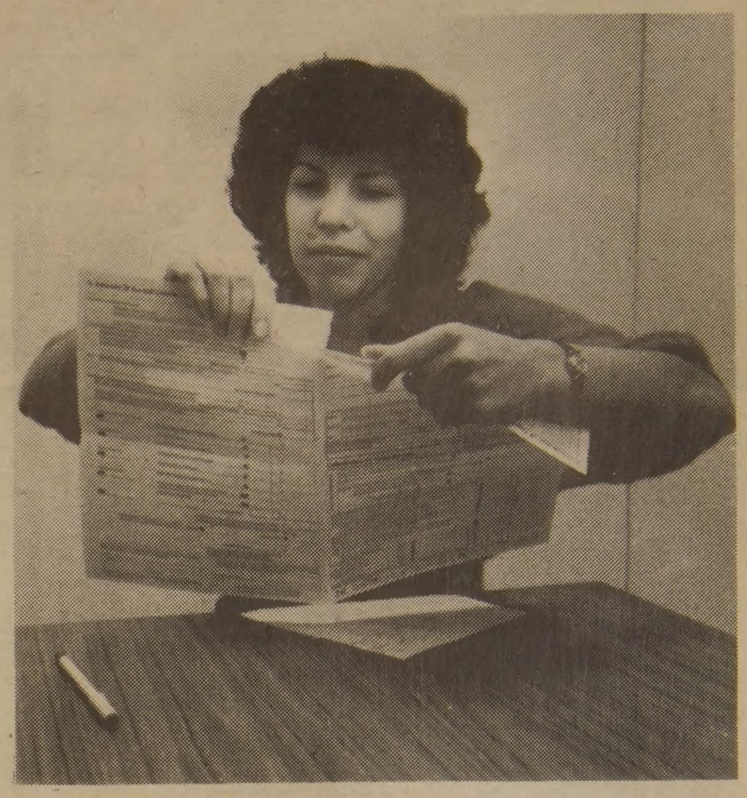
Just when you thought it was safe to forget about 1983, along comes Big Brother (Revenue Canada) with its 1983 income tax forms. Rest assured, folks, Rick Brown, of the School of Business comes to the rescue with outstanding tips to help fill out the forms.

Mr. Brown, a tax instructor here at the college, said the property tax credit (rebate on rent paid) is one of the benefits students omit on their returns. "If you pay rent outside your parents' home, you still can claim the property tax credit, even though you are claimed as a dependant on a parent's return.

Tuition fees can only be claimed by the student, Mr. Brown said, but he can claim it either according to the calendar year or academic year, whichever benefits the most. However, the $50-a-month education deduction can be transfered to either a parent or spouse's return, but only after the student's taxable income has been lowered to $0.

Another expense students forget to claim is the cost of moving, if the move was made in excess of 25 miles from home. This also applies to moving away for summer jobs.

One of the most helpful deductions that can be used is the "equivalent to married exemption" offered to single parents who can claim a child as a spouse rather than as a child dependant. A $3,300 deduction is more beneficial than $710.



Arlene Machado, 19, first-year fashion arts student, is ready to abandon ship when it comes to income tax. However, she says, "Income tax is complicated but it is possible to understand it." (Photo by Don Bernard)

A few changes were made this year and Mr. Brown elaborated on some of them. The basic employment expense deduction has been increased to 20 per cent up to a maximum of $500. Child care expenses have been altered in that the father of the child can claim the expenses if the mother attended school full time. In the past only mothers could claim this expense.

Income tax forms do not have to be mind-boggling, but Mr. Brown emphasized that the Tax Act is getting larger. "In the last eight years, the Tax Act increased 40 per cent.

Funeral for 3 generations

Funeral services for three members of the family of Erika Church, college English teacher, were held in Waterford, Ont., last Wednesday. The three family members — Mrs. Church's mother, sister-in-law and niece — were killed in a car accident near Brantford Jan. 14.

Services for Anastasia Ilnyckyj, 62, of Oakville; Alison Ilnyckyj, 29, of Delhi, and her daughter, Jessica, 2, were held from the chapel of the Thompson-Mott Funeral Home, Waterford. Rev. Ottis Davidson and Rev. Alexander Kostiuk officiated.

Will try for jobs in Ottawa

If you are 18 or older with two years experience in a security-related field and are fluent in English and French, you may get a job on Parliament Hill.

Eugene Maltais, political science instructor, said, "Bruce Milligan, (co-ordinator of law & security) and I are trying to have one of our law & security students hired as a security guard on Parliament Hill."

The present salary scale is $21,238 to $25,009 per annum.

Candidates appointed to constable positions are hired on a full-time basis and orientation programs are offered to all new appointees.

"The idea suddenly struck me the last time I went to Ottawa," Mr. Maltais said. "We have law & security students. Why couldn't one of our students try for that job?"

In the security services branch, the person would be responsible for conducting patrols, providing public tours, controlling access to buildings, ensuring that all gallery regulations are adhered to, assisting and providing information to the public and performing other related duties.

"It's another opening for students," Mr. Milligan said. "The more students are aware of these, the more opportunities for them to get placement."

Mr. Maltais is optimistic. "If one student gets employed, it'll be easier after that to place students. They'd come to realize that law & security students receive a very good educational training here."

Application forms and additional information can be obtained from Mr. Maltais and Mr. Milligan.

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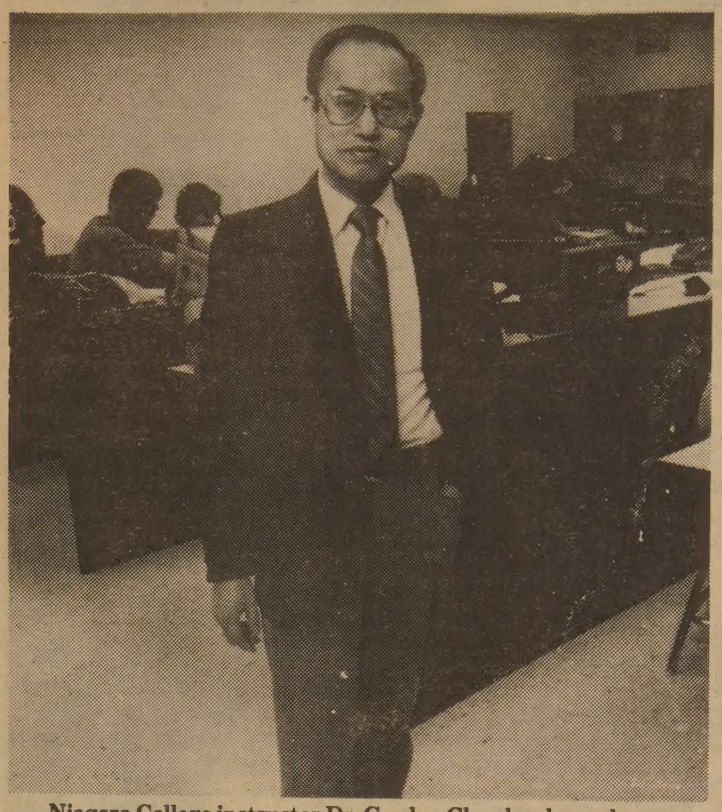

Niagara College instructor Dr. Gordon Chen has been chosen by the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers to receive its Centennial Medal. The award recognizes outstanding contributions to the electrical and electronics profession. (Photo by Carol Alaimo)

Dr. Chen to receive Centennial Medal

Niagara College instructor Dr. Gordon Chen will receive an international award for his contributions to the electrical and electronics profession.

The Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE) is honoring Dr. Chen with its Centennial Medal for what IEEE president James Owens calls "his dedicated service to the institute and the profession."

In honor of the IEEE's 100th year, 1,984 Centennial Medals are being awarded to outstanding individuals in its quarter-million membership. The organization has branches in North and South America, Europe, Asia, Japan and Africa.

Dr. Chen is "very happy" to have been selected, and said the honor is one that reflects the general excellence of the college's technology programs.

"Wayne McCreadie, Joe Kopec, Frank Cicarelli — these and other instructors have made tremendous contributions, and the recognition must go to them as well."

Born in China, Dr. Chen came to North America in 1956 and joined Niagara College staff in 1974.

He holds a bachelor's degree, a master's degree and a doctorate in electrical engineering and a master's in mathematics.

He is the founder of the Niagara College branch of the IEEE which has grown to become the second largest branch in any Canadian college or university. Only the University of British Columbia has a larger IEEE membership.

Donors over the years

The following table itemizes the number of blood donors at Niagara College as a percentage of its total daytime student population. This figure includes daytime, full time and post-secondary students on all campuses.

YEAR	PINTS DONATED	STUDENT POPULATION	PERCENT DONATION RATE
1969-70	171	1132	15.10
1970-71	100	1403	7.12
1971-72	226	1584	14.26
1972-73	Nil	1615	0
1973-74	280	1892	14.79
1974-75	200	2153	9.28
1975-76	220	2410	9.12
1976-77	240	2416	9.93
1977-78	125*	2422	5.16
1978-79	366*	2544	14.38
1979-80	213*	2675	7.96
1980-81	259	2981	8.68
1981-82	192	3141	6.00
1982-83	280*	3310	8.45
	Total 2,872	31,678	Average 10.02

*includes only the number of pints donated by the college community.

Set record, donate blood Jan. 26

A total of 2,872 pints of blood has been donated by students and faculty at Niagara College since the Red Cross set up its first clinic here 14 years ago.

This year's clinic will be held on Jan. 26 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the gymnasium.

The school year of 1978-79 marked the largest clinic with a total of 366 pints of blood donated.

Last year's clinic tied with the clinic in 1972-73 to come in second place with 280 pints of blood and in the school year of 1980-81, 259 pints were donated making it the third largest clinic in the college's history.

Throughout the years, the clinic has been a success at the college; however, it should be more successful this year due to its location change.

The clinic has usually been set up in front of the Hamilton Room but this year, it has been moved to the gymnasium so more cots can be set up and to shorten the length of time people will have to wait in line.

With the change of location, the clinic will go much more quickly and more students will be able to give blood.

So, since the biggest problem has been solved, there is no reason why this year should not set a record—the largest clinic in the college's history.

Submits proposal to centre

A proposal for Niagara College to design an information storage and retrieval system has been submitted to the Ontario Centre for Automotive Parts Technology in St. Catharines.

"The centre has asked the college to submit a proposal to establish a library information system to serve the needs of the automotive parts industry," George Repar, director of planning and development, said. The college is expecting a response from the centre next week.

The proposal envisages a project in stages, Mr. Repar said. Phase one would include an eight to 10-week period until the end of the fiscal year. In this time the college would assess requirements to establish a data base, financial and staffing needs.

Guidelines for user access and kinds of hardware and software will have to be determined. The college is exploring a number of key topics of interest to the industry such as statistical process control and quality circle.

Mr. Repar said the project is "one of the many initiatives" that the college has participated in with the centre.

Chinese premier too busy to meet with delegates

BY RENATA DINNOCENZO
Staff Writer

A delegation from Niagara College did not meet with Chinese Premier Zayo Ziyang — the first Chinese premier ever to visit Canada — after all.

The college representatives — including the three Chinese business trainees studying here — were invited to a Niagara Falls reception in the premier's honor last Friday.

But the reception was cancelled due to "time constraints" on the premier's part, Foster Zanutto, director of information services, said.

The notice of cancellation which came on Wednesday was "very disappointing" as the reception in Niagara Falls was to be "a real coup for Niagara College," Mr. Zanutto said.

Chen Wei, Chang Shi Yi and Li Wei Ning were to have presented the premier with a press release — translated by them into Chinese — on what they are doing at the college.

Joining them would have been Dr. Nora McCardell, executive director of educational and student services; Nicole Vigeant, coordinator of international education, and Hans van der Slagt, coordinator of the Chengdu project — the training of the Chinese at Niagara College.

Mr. Zanutto said the premier would still visit Niagara Falls, but he will just see the Falls "and then be whisked off."

The Chinese trainees may still have been able to meet the premier — if they were able to attend a reception in Toronto.

The Niagara Falls reception was to have been held at the Commissioner's Quarters. Twenty-five guests of the provincial government and the Niagara Parks Commission were to attend.

New vice-president of finance for SAC

John Nagy, 23, took over the vacant position of vice-president of finance for the Student Administrative Council (SAC) on Jan. 16.

Frank Beres resigned as vice-president of finance last term. Denis Noel, SAC president, said Frank resigned because there were "internal problems."

John, a third-year financial management business administration student, was runner-up in last year's SAC election for vice-president of finance.

The constitution states that if a position becomes vacant, the runner-up will fill it.

John has ran twice for SAC in the last two years. Asked about his position, he said, "I look forward to working together with SAC in my new position and I will try to conscientiously fulfil my duties and participate as much as possible in SAC-sponsored activities."

JOHN NAGY

Fall results in broken hip

Geraldine Young, a Niagara College English instructor, is recovering well in hospital, after a fall Friday, Jan. 13, in which she broke her hip.

"She is already undergoing physiotherapy and they had her up in a wheelchair Monday afternoon," said Dennis Malone, chairman of the communications and creative arts division, who visited Mrs. Young at the hospital.

Mrs. Young fell in the Simcoe Building. She had just arrived at the college and was wearing her outdoor clothing. Wet boots were apparently the cause of the fall.

She was immediately taken by ambulance to Welland General Hospital where she underwent surgery to repair the fracture.

There is as yet no word on how long she will have to stay in hospital.

Sign up to butt out

It is still not too late to join the brave souls who signed a pledge to quit smoking cigarettes by Jan. 25. To date only forms from Niagara College have been submitted in the Great Niagara Cold Turkey Challenge campaign put on by the Niagara Regional Health Unit.

People must face reality and admit to themselves that cigarette smoking is harmful to everyone. No one is excluded from the health problems attributed to cigarettes. Besides, an award from the health unit would mean a great deal of respect for the college.

The Journalism-Print program is the only program so far that has a 100 per cent participation rate in this challenge. However, it is not too late to organize an internal campaign in other programs.

Submit the forms now and be counted.

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NIAGARA

EDITORIALS

Quit smoking

As this Wednesday has been declared Weedless Wednesday, smokers everywhere are asked not to smoke this day and, with some hope and determination, from this day on.

To coincide with this month's Canadian Cancer Society's Time to Quit Smoking Campaign, the Niagara Regional Health Unit is running the Great Niagara Cold Turkey Challenge.

The challenge involves getting pledges from Niagara residents to stop smoking on or before Weedless Wednesday with municipalities competing to see which one gets the most pledges.

Being a non-smoker I don't know the pleasure nor the addiction one has to cigarettes but like many other non-smokers and smokers alike, I do know of the hazards of smoking.

Cigarette smoking causes 90 per cent of lung cancer cases, 20 per cent of all cancer deaths and 25 per cent of heart disease deaths. Not to mention the dry cough, the shortness of breath, the yellow stains on teeth and fingers and the money that literally goes up in smoke.

Surely everyone has enough will power to stop smoking for at least one day. You won't only be helping yourself but those around you who are subjected to all those harmful chemicals in the air.

If you really can't or won't quit smoking, take a walk through a cancer clinic — see the victims of smoking being eaten alive by lung cancer. If seeing them doesn't make you want to quit, nothing will — except, of course, lung cancer itself.

Renata Dinnocenzo

Press needs freedom

Journalists will never win any popularity contests. They may never be fondly remembered as the mouthpiece of a corrupt society vainly doing battle against the forces of evil, striving to improve the lot of humanity. So be it. Most do not expect such accolades.

Yet, it is distressing to discover exactly how unpopular the media is. In a recent Chicago-based survey, only 13.7 per cent of those questioned had confidence in journalists. Only politicians scored lower on the scale.

The viewing, listening and reading public, it seems, wants to stick its collective head in the sand and ignore those nasty little things that go on all over the world—wars, famines, nuclear bombs, air disasters. Reality has gone out of fashion. People want to be spoon-fed a bland mixture of life in Utopia and to hell with the innocent thousands killed in some crazy war across the Atlantic.

People have ceased to appreciate that basic tenet of a democratic society — freedom of the press. They view a probing media as a meddling nuisance. In our hectic world today, perhaps less IS best. With less information to absorb, there is less mental work of sorting and filing and more time to sit in front of the television watching General Hospital reruns.

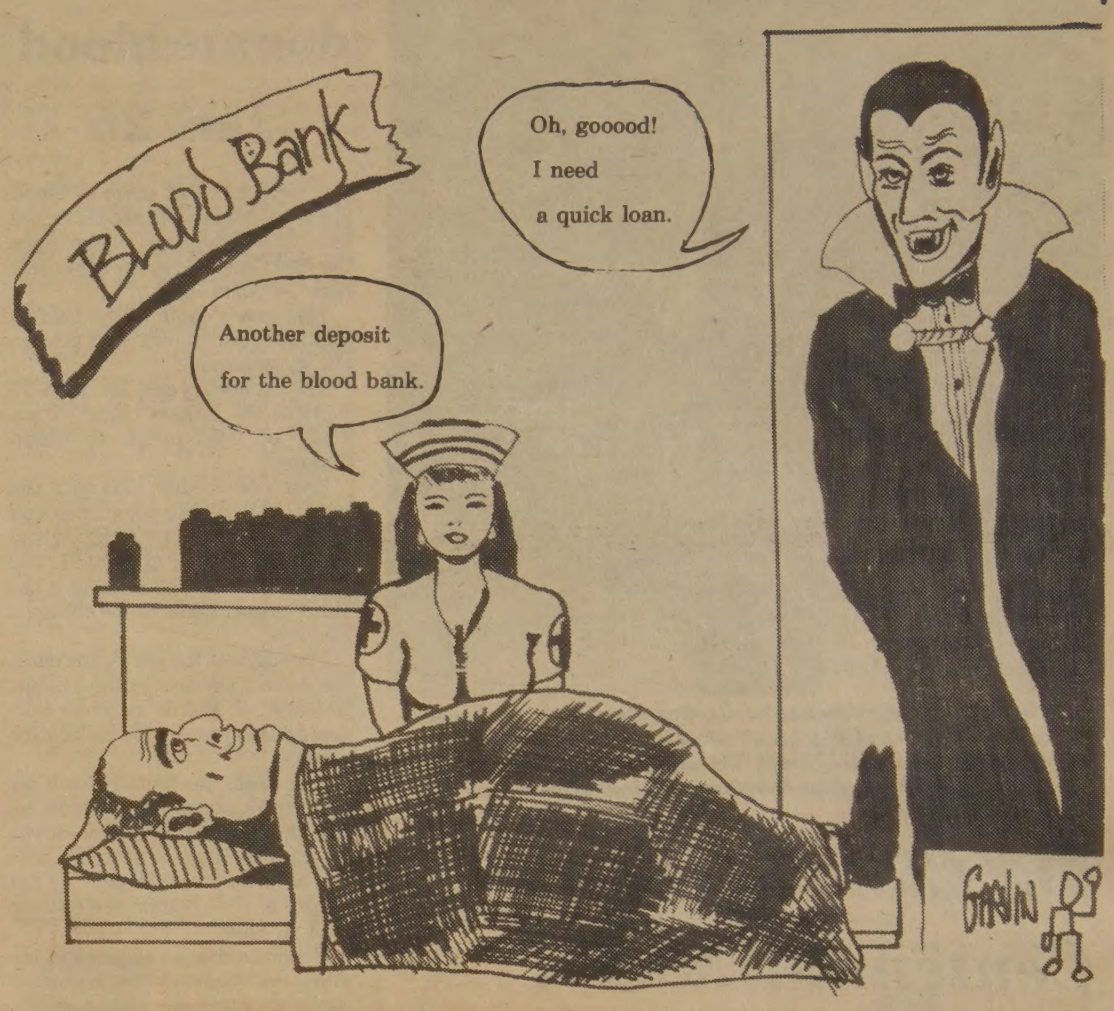
When the Americans invaded Grenada, foreign journalists were barred from the island for three days and any news leaving the island was carefully filtered through army PR personnel. Is this what the public wants — deliberate press and information manipulation by the state?

It would appear so. The public was delighted by the press blackout. A caller to a New York magazine said,"I just want you to know the press had no business in Grenada and I'm glad they kept you out."

The Soviet Union has been censoring its press for decades and it does more than rap the knuckles of overzealous, questioning journalists.

People in a democratic country such as ours can afford to be critical of the press. They can pick and choose what they want to believe from a variety of news sources—everyone should be so luck! To deprive the public of its eyes and ears is to deprive the public of the right to make an informed and intelligent decision.

Jane Stirling



Make your deposit on Thursday!

BULL PIT

She says it's heavenly

Aletha Jones' bullpit is in answer to Don Bernard's bullpit in the last edition which urged people to stop smoking.

By ALETHA JONES
Staff Writer

All that hacking, coughing and wheezing could be caused by breathing pollution-laden air and not just by smoking.

Most smokers enjoy smoking and that first cigarette of the day with a cup of coffee or tea is pure heaven.

Smoking is relaxing, enjoyable and helps one to think. It's cheaper than a psychiatrist and beats chewing one's nails or kicking the cat.

Sure, smoking is dangerous, but so is crossing the street, taking a Sunday drive, or drinking water from Lake Erie.

With the threat of nuclear war hanging over us, it seems silly to worry about the dangers of smoking. That's a lot of propaganda.

Quit trying to put smokers on a guilt trip.

Tax tips

The Niagara News wants to help the students benefit from all the tax breaks they are entitled to. Any questions that need to be answered can be submitted to the news room, second floor in the Simcoe Building. Please, written form only. Questions will be published and answered the following edition.

News Hotline

The Niagara News has set up a news hotline number for students and staff who have news. Call extension 750 with tips on stories.

Curses

What can be done about....?

More than just a letter to the editor column, Curses is an opportunity for readers to air their beefs about a variety of subjects; a Niagara News reporter team will go into action to see if anything can be done about the complaints.

Letter should be addressed to Curses Editor, Niagara News, Simcoe S212. While a pseudonym may be used for publication, the name of the letter writer must be on the complaint to confirm the nature of the complaint or obtain more information.

The Niagara News will try its best, but cannot promise an effective solution to any problem.

AT WORK

SPECTRUM

Karate teacher / page

Royden Gagnon teaches karate for kicks.
(Photo by Judy McEwen)

Martial arts skills, mind over matter

By JUDY McEWEN
Staff Writer

To look at Royden Gagnon you wouldn't think he could hurt you five different ways in as many seconds.

The tall, slim 30-year-old, who is built more like a sprinter than a fighter, teaches shorinji ryu (a style of karate) two nights a week in Beamsville's Grandstand Hall.

Sitting with the easy, confident manner that comes from knowing he doesn't have to prove anything, Mr. Gagnon, who lives on First Street, Vineland, talked about the philosophies, rewards and frustrations of the martial arts.

Defence

While many people see shorinji ryu (show-rin-juh-roo) as strictly a method of self-defence, one of the main philosophies of Mr. Gagnon's club, R & R Martial Arts, is that the "best defence is not to fight."

Then, why go to the classes? To acquire the virtues of self-discipline, self-confidence and fitness.

Although some people start classes "to learn how to beat people up, in five easy lessons," those types don't last, he said, because they're too impatient to bother with warm ups, technique and mind development.

Shorinji ryu, like other martial arts, is basically mind over matter. "What the mind thinks, the body will do."

Practice

This is where practising the techniques over and over again, "fighting multiple opponents," comes in. The practitioner knows he can do the kata (sets of movements) and they become embedded in his sub-conscious, Mr. Gagnon, a second dan black belt, explained.

When facing a real opponent, the fighter must empty his mind of doubt if he is to succeed.

This positive attitude carries over into daily life, inspiring confidence so that "you can attain goals in life," he said.

While he does not attend every competition, he has placed in the top three when he does compete. Interested in martial arts since he was a boy, Mr. Gagnon said he prefers to learn all styles rather than specializing in one. He has taken martial arts instructions "all over, really," from Grimsby to Vancouver.

After warm-up and stretching exercises, the artist instills the techniques into his sub-conscious either "slow motion, in a meditative state," or with lightning speed, relying on instinct.

In competition, speed is everything. He said demonstrations in which the artist kicks through a solidly-held board impress only laymen. Anything will go through a board, no matter how slow it is moving, if the board is fixed.

What does impress Mr. Gagnon is the kick that is so fast it can break a board held by two fingers or suspended by a thread.

Teaching for about a year now, Mr. Gagnon feels a patient empathy for his students. "I know how hard it is; I've been there." On the other hand, he describes with fatherly pride his championship-winning student.

Sparring

When not teaching, he enjoys sparring with his friends or his dog. He laughingly recalls a weekend job given him and his club partner. Asked by a farmer friend to knock down a small barn so it could be burned, the two karateka kicked it down. The job that was supposed to take two days took four hours and they had a busman's holiday doing it.

A teacher of both sexes, Mr. Gagnon said if a man and woman of equal strength and training were matched, he'd put his money on the woman because women seem to be more aggressive and "can get pretty ornery." And deeper in the man's mind than technique is the man's idea that women are weaker.

"As soon as you're defeated in your mind, you're defeated.

Bitter winter

Damaging component to cars

By DON BERNARD
Staff Writer

Winter in this area is a hazardous season. Not only is it bitterly cold, but the humidity added to the coldness creates a damaging component to a car.

Bill Phillips, who co-owns Phillip's Auto Repair Serivce at 504 Niagara St., Welland, says neglecting a tune-up is a major cause for car break-down, especially in the winter.

"Maintenance has to be kept up" so the car will not fail on a cold day. The 26-year-old who has been a mechanic for four years has many hints he says will be helpful to many.

The battery must be the car part most susceptible to harsh winter conditions. Bill offered these safety tips if it is necessary to jump a car.

Bill Phillips, co-owner of Phillips Auto Repair Shop in Welland, looks at a car that has fallen victim to its worst enemy: winter. A car needs special care during the cold months.

(Photo by Don Bernard)

Safety tips

Both cars should be turned off.

Remove the cell covers and keep them off until after the boost.

Check to see there is no ice build-up in the cells. If there is, the battery may explode. "The hydrogen fumes emitted from the battery are highly explosive," he said. Removing the cell covers releases the build-up of fumes.

Hook up the dead battery first.

Hook ground to the bumper, if possible.

Don't stand near the battery. Let the dead battery absorb some juice from the other car before starting either engine.

"If there is no one around to boost you, take the battery into a warm place. Sometimes the warmth might restore enough cranking power," Bill said.

Park the car facing south so that the sun will heat the hood and keep the battery warm. This will also help keep the windshield clear.

"But the major problem we see when we make an emergency call is dirty battery cables.." It is absolutely necessary to keep them clean, he said.

Anti-freeze is another important factor. "Anti-freeze does depreciate, contrary to what most people think." Anti-freeze should be changed every two years.

Cars should have more than half a tank of gas at all times. A full tank is even better. "This will give your rear end weight so you won't get stuck.

"If you happen to get one wheel stuck, put the emergency brake on just a bit. It will give friction to the wheel." This advice does not apply if both wheels are stuck.

Having plenty of gas will also prevent the carburetor from freezing up, Bill said. He is thankful to his father, George— who has been in the auto repair service for more than 20 years— for the knowledge he acquired from watching him at work.

Serving as page has lighter side student discovers in House

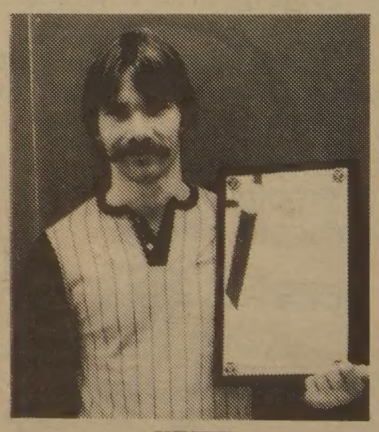
By JANE STIRLING
Staff Writer

He spent three months in the hallowed halls of democracy where power is wielded, influence peddled and weakness exploited by the Opposition and the media. But, for Keith Murphy, a 24-year-old academic upgrading student at Niagara College's Welland Vale campus, serving as a page in the Ontario legislature had its lighter side.

"I was a favorite with a lot of the members and sometimes they would ask me to run out to the cafeteria and get them some toast and coffee," Keith said. "Instead, I'd eat it myself and have to get more for them."

When 14 years old, Keith saw a newspaper advertisement for the job as a page and wrote to the Speaker of the House to apply. There were no interviews but the requirements stipulated an 80 per cent average and Canadian citizenship.

Successful applicants came from all over Ontario and missed three months of school. "We were expected to keep up with out homework," he said. Many of his friends were jealous because he was missing school.



KEITH

Each page served at Queen's Park five days a week with two afternoons spent with a tutor, Keith said. In the morning, the pages put legislation to be passed in the members' books for the afternoon session. After this task was finished, they were free until the afternoon.

Debate in the House started at 2 p.m. and the pages would sit on the steps of the throne waiting until an MPP snapped his fingers. "We'd have to bring them glasses of water and act as their messengers," he said. Often they would have to take messages up to the press gallery.

They were responsible for learning the names and the seats of each member. Keith said he failed to memorize these "so I'd have to ask another page where to take things."

Keith had the added duty of serving as prayer-boy in the House. This entailed carrying the prayer stand to the Speaker for the Lord's Prayer and removing it afterwards.

The pages, who were paid $20 a week for bus fare, had their own quarters in the legislature equipped with books, games and ping-pong. But occasionally there would be a Playboy magazine lying around that the page-master would forget to hide, Keith said.

The 14 pages, half of whom were female, were all the same age. They wore black, tuxedo-like uniforms, white shirts, black bow ties and black shoes.

Sometimes the pages had to work at night when special committees were held.

At the end of the three-month session, the Speaker had a farewell party for all the pages in his apartment at Queen's Park. Everyone received a scroll from Premier Bill Davis and a group picture.

Get early start on job hunting, prepare resumes: McPherson

Attention, 1984 graduates — it's time to start planning for your futures.

Gord McPherson, Niagara College placement officer, advises graduating students to write and distribute resumes in January and February to assure a fighting chance in this year's job market jungle.

Placement opportunities for many Niagara College programs will be "gruesome" this year, Mr. McPherson said but "things are a bit better than they were last year."

He outlined several of the expected "tough areas" for 1984 job opportunities.

Law and security graduates will be hard pressed to find employment because of the high number of graduates. "We had 49 grads last year and will have even more this year, and local police and customs only hire a few each year," Mr. McPherson said.

SOME SLOW

Demand for two-year and three-year electronics and electrical graduates and mechanical drafting graduates was slow in 1983, and does not appear likely to increase in 1984, he said.

"In the past, if we didn't have 90 per cent placement in these areas, we considered it a bad year. Now they are running at about 50 per cent."

Nursing has been slow, but seems to be picking up, Mr. McPherson said. A large number of nursing graduates seem to have picked up part-time employment, a trend he thinks will continue.

Biggest problem

The biggest problem area this year will be two-year and three-year data processing graduates.

The demand for computer operators and computer programmers has been down, and the number of graduates has been up, Mr. McPherson said.

The news isn't all bad, however. Several programs have had 100 per cent placement rates in the past and are expected to continue to do so.

Placement high

Based on last year's placement figures, Mr. McPherson predicts fashion arts, social services, construction, engineering, computer engineering, retail management, hotel and restaurant administration and bilingual secretarial programs will have "100 per cent or close to 100 per cent placement" in 1984.

Also near the top of the list are opportunities for journalism, radio and television, educational resource technician and mechanical technology graduates.

Mr. McPherson said Niagara College has a 79 per cent overall placement rate, a figure that is "unofficially on average with the rest of the province."

Placement percentages are calculated only on those graduates working full-time in jobs related to their fields of study. Those working part-time in their fields or full-time at non-related jobs are not included in the figures.

Back to the bad news — Mr. McPherson advises students not to depend upon on-campus interviews, (where employers visit the college to recruit employees), as a job source. He predicts the results of this year's interviews "will probably not be any better than last year's, and last year they were terrible."

The "Corpsuckle Cuties" prepare to do their kicking as "Vlad the Vampire" towers over them. Throughout this week, all will be promoting the Blood Donor Clinic on Jan. 26. From left to right are: Joe McCallum, second-year law and security; Dave Jahns, second-year law and security; Darlene Dunbar, general college; Jeff Young, second-year law and security; and Andy Jansen, first-year law and security.

(Photo by Sue Greco)

Get tough, get going, job seeker's motto

When the going gets tough, the tough get going.

This will be the motto of many job-seeking 1984 graduates, and one of Canada's largest job placement services has some timely advice to help them get tough and get going.

The Technical Service Council (TSC) of Toronto has found jobs for more than 21,000 professionals in recent years and offers these well-tested suggestions:

—Prepare a good resume, usually not more than two pages long. Omit salary requirements and job objectives as these might restrict your search.

—In today's bare job market, expect to make twice as many applications as you would in normal times.

DON'T BE FIRM

Don't be too firm about location. The best jobs are not confined to metropolitan centres or the place you happen to live. If you won't move, realize that will slow your search. A $30,000 engineer was out of work for two years because he refused to consider jobs outside Toronto.

—Don't forget the hidden job market. Even in slack times, people die, resign, retire or get transferred. Use directories like the Canadian Trade Index to write employers, then phone for an interview a week later. More than 20 per cent of jobs obtained by recent university graduates come from this method.

—Set realistic job objectives and salary requirements. Tight money has made employers more cautious. Specialized government or armed forces jobs may bring *even lower salary offers.*

KNOW EMPLOYERS

—Know what employers expect. Most companies are willing to train college graduates with zero to three years experience. Imagine what the employer wants before you apply—the more senior the job, the more employers want related experience.

—Prepare yourself for interviews. Know the sort of questions employers will ask, and practice beforehand with a friend or relative if you get nervous.

—Don't depend too much on others. If someone says there are no jobs at a company, don't take that as a final answer. Many positions are created when the right person comes along.

STILL LOOKING

—Don't be put off by talk of hiring freezes. Many companies who have announced freezes are actively looking for staff in small numbers.

—Realize that rejections are normal. Some employers take up to six months to make their decision, some don't ever respond to applications, and only a fraction of employers are seeking new staff, even in economically healthy times. Don't waste energy worrying about what you can't change.

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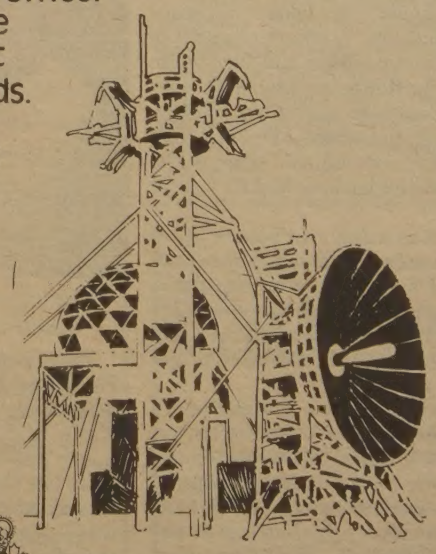

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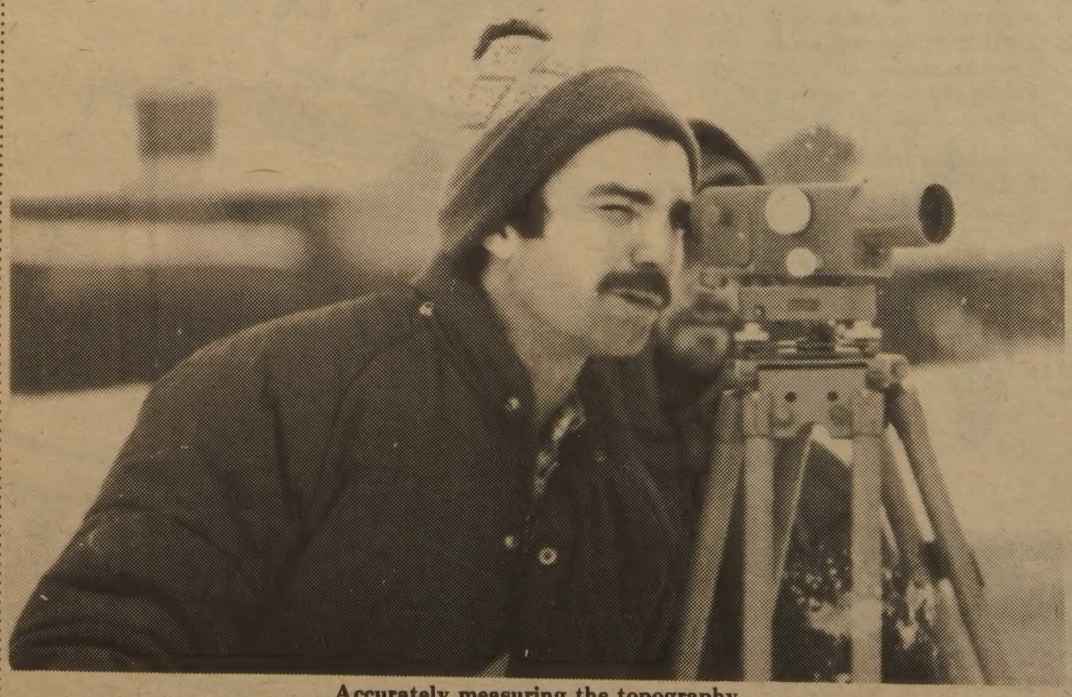

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ENTERTAINMENT

Fans endure bitter weather for chance to see Billy Idol

BY PAULINE KING
Staff Writer

It is easy to see why Billy Idol has been accused of being a pop star by many music critics.

It was obviously apparent by the hundreds of teeny boppers who stood in line for an hour and a half, despite low freezing temperatures, to view the bleach-blond Adonis at Brock University's Gym One on Jan. 14.

The audience, about 3,000 in all, was diverse — punk rockers, clad in chains, ripped jeans and sporting new Mohawk hair cuts (someone only a mother could love); new wavers, dressed in their own clean cut style, pseudo-punkers, those who thought that wearing a black leather jacket and owning a Billy Idol album classified them as being "punkers"; flashdancers, wearing the latest craze in design wear; parents who were dragged by their children to drive them to the show; and the children, of course, some even as young as seven years old!

The Hawaii Five-O theme song boomed through the gymnasium adding to the electricity that already crackled in the air as the singer and his band appeared on stage for the first time to the frenzied delight of the crowd.

The former Generation X singer opened the show with Baby Talk, a song from the mini-LP, Don't Stop. It was a re-release that was cut when he first came to America.

He first moved to London from Surrey in the mid-70s. It seemed to him and his friends that London was stagnating under rock superstars who were preoccupied with spending money.

In his biography, Billy Idol recalls, "We started going down to some quite strange clubs in London where you could look completely different. There were even girls with shaved heads. Since we were tired of listening to the old rockers, we became our own entertainment."

Generation X

Chelsea, which became Generation X, was formed after he joined vocalist Gene October and bassist Tony James. "Generation X were one of the most entertaining and vibrant bands to spring from the initial British new wave explosion of the late 70's. As lead singer, Billy Idol sang with a youthful urgency," says the magazine The Record.

The skinny young man, who wore black leather pants and a shredded red and black jacket-like vest, supplied some more of that "youthful urgency" when he belted out White Wedding, his biggest hit so far. Although at times his band seemed to be louder than it should have, Billy Idol seemed to captivate his audience. He tried several attempts to entice them including telling the audience he was "so embarrassed because I have a giant boogie up my nose" and repeating various unprintable obscenities to an unidentified crowd member.

Billy Idol's band consists of Steve Webster on bass, Tommy Price on drums, co-writer and co-arranger Steve Stevens on lead guitar and Judi Dozier on keyboards. Miss Dozier rallied the punk fans by spitting into the sometimes quiet audience who responded by spitting back.

The deep-voiced singer ended the night with an old Generation X song called Dancing with Myself, a dance tune that saw the audience get up and dance. They had begun to have fun and wanted more as they shouted and clapped so that their idol would return for an encore.

Return he did. This time he chose the old remake of Mony, Mony (Ride the Pony) to the cheers of the dancers. It was just the type of song to end the night with.

Extra! Extra!

Read all about it! The Niagara News is now available in five Campus Kit newsstands which were given to the journalism-print program by Robert J. Clegg Limited. In addition, the stands offer applications for credit cards and magazine subscriptions. Vince Beaudoini, first-year general college student, checks the headlines.

Jackson a 'thriller,' wins eight awards

By PAULINE KING
Staff Writer

The American Music Awards show last Monday could have been appropriately renamed the Michael Jackson Awards show. The 25-year-old superstar singer walked away with eight of the 19 awards presented.

"Maybe we should clean out the seats so Michael can put his awards down," Lionel Ritchie, host of the show, quipped. Mr. Ritchie was the recipient of the favorite soul single, All Night Long.

Jackson, clad in a sequinned majorette-type jacket with black pants and donning a pair of black sunglasses, received the top award — the Award of Merit.

It was presented to him by last year's winner, Kenny Rogers, along with Quincy Jones, Barry Manilow and Diana Ross. The four, combined with a variety of other stars, saluted the former Jackson Five member with a mini history of his singing career.

Jackson also won favorite pop single (Billy Jean), favorite soul album (Thriller), favorite pop album (Thriller), favorite pop male, favorite soul video (Beat It) and favorite pop video (Beat It). It was the ~~first~~ time a video award was presented at the music show.

Other winners included: Dolly Parton and Kenny Rogers for favorite country single (Islands in the Stream), Alabama for favorite country group, Gladys Night and the Pips for favorite soul group, Darryl Hall and John Oates for favorite pop group, Alabama for favorite country album (The Closer You Get), Barbara Mandrell for favorite country female, Aretha Franklin for favorite soul female, Pat Benetar for favorite pop female, Alabama for favorite country video (Dixieland Delight), and Willie Nelson for favorite country male.

The two-hour long show also featured a performance via satellite from London, England, by Culture Club, a new wave pop band whose lead singer, Boy George, resembles a girl.

Country singer Barbara Mandrell paid tribute to those singers who died recently. They included Denis Wilson, Marty Robbins, Muddy Waters and Karen Carpenter.

Seconds ticking away into thin air

Thirty days hath not September. Nor April, June nor November.

According to the Encyclopedia Britannica, one month is composed of 29 days, 12 hours, 44 minutes and 2.8 seconds and not the 30 days we have been led to believe by our anncestors.

To add insult to injury, the encyclopedia cites the true length of one year as being equal to 365 days, five hours, 48 minutes and 45.6 seconds. And that is decreasing at the "approximate rate of 0.5 seconds per century."

Decreasing? Now, on top of all other worries — economic survival, unemployment, nuclear warheads, and the vast storage of wrinkle creators readily available — mankind must also consider the problem of running out of time. Years are vanishing at the rate of five-tenths of a second per 10 years.

Does this mean a new calendar system after the present system runs out of time?

Contest cancelled

What a bummer

By RUSS DUHAIME
Staff Writer

A shortage of contestants entered in the bum contests last Tuesday and Thursday forced the Student Administrative Council (SAC) to postpone and finally cancel the events.

"I'm kind of speechless," Denis Noel, SAC president, said about the poor response to the contest. "Everyone wants to watch but nobody wants to participate."

The men's bum contest was originally scheduled for last Tuesday but because only three contestants signed up, it was postponed until Thursday and was to be combined with the women's contest.

No more contestants signed up for the men's and only three entered in the women's contest. Because there were to be prizes for the top three competitors in each contest, it had to be cancelled.

The prizes were to be: $50 for first, $35 for second and a pair of jeans for third. The jeans were donated by Crazy Lee's.

"It's kind of embarrassing to have to return the prizes to the store," Denis said. It cannot be blamed on a lack of promotion. "There were posters all over the college."

Denis said SAC will continue to schedule more events of this kind for the students. The council is discussing the possibility of holding a Winter Carnival some time in February.

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Dancemakers: superb body language

By RUSS DUHAIME
Staff Writer

Dancemakers, a modern dance company from Toronto, entertained a full house in Brock's Playhouse with a series of five dances of distinctly differing styles on Jan. 14.

The first two works in Dancemakers' program were choreographed by Paul Taylor and demonstrated two extremes in modern dance.

Aureole, set to the music of George Frederic Handel, is a ballet twisted into a modern dance. Three Epitaphs, which immediately followed, is set to American pre-jazz music. In this, five ominous figures gyrated to the music providing an almost humorous contrast to the ballet-like Aureole.

The program also included two works choreographed by Carol Anderson. Remembered Music, to music by Antonio Vivaldi, is a romantic and fluid translation performed by Susan McKenzie and Ken Gould. Windhover was performed by seven dancers in brightly colored outfits. The dancers performed solos and duets to modern abstract music by Michael J. Baker.

Walking The Line, choreographed by Karen Rimmer, was done to the music of Henry Kucharzyk. In this the dancers seemed to represent relationships within a group and conflicts among individuals in the group.

Let's dance

Dancemakers, one of Canada's foremost modern dance companies, provided an exciting night of dance for a full house in Brock's Playhouse on Jan. 14. The program included dances choreographed by Paul Taylor, Carol Anderson annd Karen Rimmer.

Band's music reflection of city life

By THERESA GRETZINGER
Staff Writer

Minutes from Downtown provided a reflection of the "energy of living minutes from downtown," from the rush and sound of a city core.

The group, at the Jan. 13 Pub Night, provided music with a Motown flair that had students and guests dancing after the first few songs.

"The downtown and urban situation has many facets," Lucasta, head vocalist, said. It allows for a great variety of music including Motown, blues, pop and jazz.

"With the advent of technology, there is more and more information available "(to the public)," she said. "We're reflecting the information from the urban, technology-oriented situation."

BAND MEMBERS

With Graham Stairs on drums, and Lucasta as the "brain and the heart" behind the band, other members of the band are: Lee Whalen, background vocals; John McKellar, keyboards; John Percy, keyboards and background vocals; Gary Hynes, bass; Feather, percussion, and Tim White, guitar. Tony Crea is the sound man and Grant Bulosky provides lighting effects for the band.

The philosophy behind the band is based on a mirror effect. "We reflect what's going on now," Graham said. The band absorbs situations between people's relationships and cities and "reflects it back to people" through songs.

Encourages feedback

Denis Noel, Student Administrative Council (SAC) president, said he is becoming concerned with the poor turnout and participation in SAC events.

He said he would like to hear more feedback from the students including suggestions and complaints. "If there is anything we are doing wrong, let's hear about it."

Already this month SAC has provided a pub night, a poetry reading and a bum contest.

Regarding the poor turnout at the last pub, Denis said SAC plans to get a more popular group for the next one.

He said the students have the time to watch the movies that SAC schedules so they should have the time to make it out to other events. The events are listed in the calendar and the papers and posters are placed around the college.

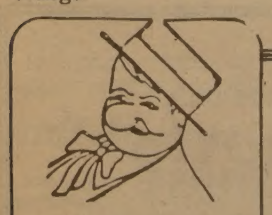
Mentalist in cafeteria tomorrow

Mike Mandel, an amusing and amazing mentalist, and Backwards Bob, who can talk and write backwards, will perform tomorrow during double lunch in the cafeteria.

Last year during a performance here the pair walked off stage because of continued harassment from members of the audience. This year will provide a slightly different atmosphere for the performers as there will be no alcohol served.

Mr. Mandel plays mind games on volunteers from the audience using the power of suggestion. Volunteers are brought on stage; through suggestion he makes them believe they are in a different setting or situation—to the amusement of the audience.

Backwards Bob, who is a Guinness World Record holder for his backwards talents, does more than just talk backwards. He writes backwards, sideways and upside-down.



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SPORTS

Niagara's men's curling team is skipped by Don Kretz and has shown great improvement over the course of the season. From left: Stephen Jelbert, Bill Harris, Mark Brillon and Don.
(Photo by Carol McGuire)

Sports comment:

Reporter banished, Nykoluk criticized

By BILL POTRECZ
Staff Writer

Last week, Toronto Maple Leafs' coach Mike Nykoluk ran afoul of press courtesy when he unceremoniously banished Globe and Mail reporter Al Strachan from the Leafs' dressing room after Strachan had written an article castigating Nykoluk.

It seems Strachan criticized Nykoluk for his use—or lack of use—of the Leafs' big line of John Anderson, Dan Daoust and Rick Vaive. Strachan made the comment Nykoluk was not properly matching lines with the opposition and the team was suffering as a result.

So when Strachan entered the dressing room for a post-game interview, he was told—and later threatened—to leave. A Globe photographer was also told in no uncertain terms to vamoose.

Who dropped dead and made Nykoluk God? What right has he to deny a reporter access to the dressing room just because that reporter wrote an unfavorable article about him?

It all boils down to how far the press should venture when criticizing public figures. There is no question Strachan was well within his boundaries to write his article—that's what he is paid to do. If Coach Nykoluk—or anyone else for that matter—does not agree with it, tough luck.

It is unfortunate in that Nykoluk's reaction may discourage other columnists or reporters from stating their opinions or reporting the truth.

After it is all said and done, the incident may be written off as over-reaction on the coach's part on a night when the stress level was high. It is hoped other columnists won't back down in their criticism of Nykoluk as a coach and tell the truth, plain and simple. Maybe Coach Nykoluk reacted so vehemently because he knew the reporter was right. If the Leafs continue their losing ways, reporters will be interviewing a different coach soon.

Molson's bonspiel ends men's team defeated

Niagara College's men's curling team reached the finals of the Molson's bonspiel Jan.14 before losing 8-4 to a rink from Welland.

To reach the finals, the team won its first two contests by scores of 6-5 and 9-5 over a rink from St. Catharines.

The team, comprising Don Kretz, Bill Harris, Stephen Jelbert and Mark Muir, finished runner-up in the fourth event in the overall standings.

"The team won two games in the morning and put up a tough battle," manager Bob Young said. "We played a sound game."

The bonspiel was structured as an elimination tournament in which one loss put a team out of contention.

The overall winner was a Welland rink skipped by Lloyd Farr.

The game was called in the eighth end after the Niagara team was trailing by three points and had no hope of tying the score.

FARED POORLY

The college's mixed team of Mark Brillon, Debra Bowerman, Peter Maximini and Diana Bakker fared poorly in the Bugsy Bonspiel held the same evening. The mixed team lost both its games by large margins and was soundly outplayed.

"The competition was strong," Mr. Young said. "We faced some of the best competition in the peninsula."

While the team got blown out in the first match, they seemed to play better in the second.

"It was good practice in playing together," Mr. Young said. "But we found it frustrating."

Niagara's next competition is the Robbie Burns Bonspiel Jan. 24, 25, 26 at the Welland curling club.

Victorious Knights

By MURRAY STEWART
Staff Writer

The Niagara Knights men's basketball team had an easy victory rolling over the Cambrian Colts 97-65 in a game played here at the college Friday the 13th.

"The whole team played a lot better," coach Paul Deeton said. "They played with more intensity, and I was pleased with the performance."

After doubling the score on the Cambrian team early in the game, the Knights continued to dominate, and built up a comfortable lead of 20 points at half with the score 52-32 in the Knights' favor.

PUT IT TOGETHER

"The guys are a lot better now, it is a matter of putting it together," said coach Deeton.

Excellent shooting from Don Campbell, who netted 24 points, Alex Cattrysse, who shot for 21, and Paul Weller scoring 18 points helped Niagara dominate the shooting.

Strong rebounding from John Mataya, who scored 14 points, and a strong effort from the whole team gave the Knights the advantage.

Intramural hockey action

Intramural hockey action started last Tuesday as four teams in the West division faced off at the Welland arena.

The first game was a scrappy affair with the Leafs defeating Johns Cruisers 7-1. The Leafs dominated the play taking a three-goal lead early, allowing only one goal on a bad passing play by the Leafs' goaltender.

The Leafs, playing with only one line, looked tired at the half, but used good passing and a solid defence to ward off the Cruisers' attacks.

The pace of the game was quick as both teams failed to score well into the second period. The Cruisers' defence weakened and the Leafs took advantage of the chance and scored quickly in the latter part of the game.

In other action, west division rivals Zofo and Team Cannibis had a hard-fought game with Zofo edging out Team Cannibis 5-4.

Wayne Gretzky, 99: strong national image

BY DON ROSS
Staff Writer

He earns roughly $500,000 a year not including endorsements, royalties and business investments. He has rewritten no fewer than 37 NHL records and singlehandedly set the league on its ear, as opposing teams changed their defence in an effort to stop him. His sweater number, 99, is a best-seller nationwide and his matinee idol looks and pleasant, unassuming disposition have won him acclolads no other player before him has.

But more important, Wayne Gretzky has become Canada's national image. A visit by Gretzky to your hometown means more than a visit by the prime minister. One day Wayne Gretzky may be prime minister.

How has such mass acclaim and immortality reached a young man whose job is to play a game?

It goes back to when Wayne, at the tender age of five played in Brantford on a novice All Star team made up of 11-year-olds. It goes back to when he played junior B as a 14-year-old playing against 20-year-olds. And it goes back to when he was 19 and won the NHL scoring championship in his rookie year, a feat he was to repeat each year since.

Now, Gretzky has an incredible 21-year contract with the Edmonton Oilers which will net him $20 million over the first 15 years. Despite these lavish totals, Wayne is neither arrogant, nor snobbish. There is no corvette in his driveway, no great-looking blonde hanging from his arm wherever he goes, and he eschews the night life preferring instead to read or further his education.

No controversy surrounds this man; his is always a natural, easygoing nature which doesn't put anyone off. Yet despite this he is the most requested and clamored for figure in Canada. Two years ago when Gretzky broke the record for the fastest 50 goals in NHL history he had 132 separate interview requests in a visit to Toronto. In 1981 he won the Vanier award as outstanding Canadian from the Junior Chamber of Commerce.

With all these achievements and a spotless personality he continue to hold the Canadian public in his hand.

Indeed, Wayne Gretzky has done just about everything in four years that other people can only dream about all their lives.

While there are other talented players in Canadian sports, few can hope to excel in their sport and capture a country the way this youngster from Brantford has.

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SPORTS

Mark Ford John Mataya, and Edgar Theisson of the Niagara Knights all await the rebound off the boards in first half action at Conestoga. The Knights outgunned the Condors 75-67 in a closely contested match. (Photo by Don Ross)

Knights beat Condors in 75-67 decision

By DON ROSS
Staff Writer

DON CAMPBELL

The Niagara Knights men's basketball team struck for 42 first-half points and hung on for a 75-67 conquest of the Conestoga Condors in a Jan. 12 game at Conestoga.

Victory was expecially sweet for the Knights who, nursing a 14-point lead, allowed a gritty Condor team to pull to within two points with less than eight minutes remaining. The Conestoga team tried to intimidate the Knights and drew many fouls as a result but the Knights ignored these tactics as well as the incessant ballyhooing from the fans to post the win.

Don Campbell led all Knights scorers with 23 points, including 13 key points in the second half, a half in which the Knights seemed to lose a little of their earlier sharpness. Greg Thiessan chipped in with 14 points while paul Weller rounded out the Knights top scorers with 13.

COACH PLEASED

Coach Paul Deeton said he was pleased with the way the Knights held together when the momentum shifted to the Condors. "This game was a great character builder for our team; we didn't allow ourselves to be intimidated by them."

"We may surprise a few people before this season is over."

With the victory the Knights put a halt to a four-game skid and moved up to sixth place in the OCAA standings.

Sport Shorts

Free admission

Niagara College students will be afforded the opportunity to see exciting American Hockey League action free Sunday, Jan. 29. Niagara College identification cards will provide free admission to Garden City Arena to see the St. Catharines Saints (farm club of the Toronto Maple Leafs) battle the Winnipeg Jets' farm club from Sherbrooke. Game time is 7:30 p.m.

Looking ahead

The following is a schedule of upcoming sports events:

Tuesday Jan. 24—Robbie Burns Bonspiel at Welland Curling Club.

Wednesday, Jan. 25—Curling at Welland Curling Club; Men's basketball at Humber College; Women's basketball at Sheridan College.

Saturday, Jan. 28—Men's hockey at Rochester, N.Y.

Buffalo excursion

The Student Administrative Council (SAC) is sponsoring an excursion to Memorial Auditorium in Buffalo Feb. 5 to see a contest between the Buffalo Sabres and the high-flying Quebec Nordiques.

The trip costs $8 which includes transportation to and from the game and a seat in the oranges. Act fast as only 40 tickets are available. Tickets are available at the SAC office.

Sports Hotline

Ext. 749

Niagara College's 1983- 84 curling team

The 1983-84 Niagara College men's and mixed curling team. Back row, from left: Dianna Bakker, Stephen Jelbert, Mark Muir, Christine Lever and Deanna Bowerman. Front row from left: Don Kretz, Mark Brillon, Bill Harris and Monica Maier. This year's team is coached by Don Papple and managed by Bob Young. Absent when photo was taken were Peter Maximini and Deborah Warford. (Photo by Carol McGuire)

Old Timers narrowly miss playoffs

By BILL POTRECZ
Staff Writer

The Niagara College Old Timers, a collection of instructors and staff, finished third in their division at the fourth annual Conestoga Oldtimers hockey tournament held Jan. 14 and 15.

In an entirely objective press release, Brian Green stated, "Although they narrowly missed making the playoffs, the squad impressed all observers with their sportsmanship and desire."

In their first match, the Old Timers were trailing 2-1 in the dying minutes when Vince Dileo scored a spectacular goal which was followed by a short-handed goal by John Killip to give them a 3-2 victory. "Credit for the victory should go to goaltender Jim Brooks," Mr. Green said.

WHITEWASHED

In their second game, the Niagara Oldtimers ran into a hot goaltender and were whitewashed 4-0 by the Guelph Old Goats.

Barry Sharpe, relieved of his coaching duties to play goal, was a "decisive factor in keeping the

The third game was a wild affair, with the Kitchener-Waterloo Falling Stars finally prevailing by a deceptively wide 7-2 margin.

The line of Keith Lindberg, Roger Stouck and Brian Green accounted for both goals and carried the play to the Stars throughout.

"We had a great time—both on and off the ice," Mr. Green said.

Seagrams honors athlete, team of week for Jan. 8-15

Dave Barkwell, a student at Northern College in Kirland Lake, is the Seagram VO athlete of the week for the week ending Jan. 15.

Dave scored a total of 90 points in three games for the Northern Huskies at a Tier II mini baketball tournament held at North Bay's Canadore College.

The 30-point per game performance by the six foot one inch native of Timmins, Ont., not only helped his northern teammates sweep all three of their games, but also boosted his 1983-84 points-per-game average to 26.3

The Seneca Braves are the Seagram's team of the week for men's hockey for the week ending Jan. 15.

They continued their domination of Tier II men's hockey standings with impressive victories over Centennial, Sheridan and Canadore.

The Braves, who have yet to lose a regular season game in 1983-84, opened the week with a 5-0 win over Centennial Colts, followed by an 8-4 triumph over the Sheridan Bruins and a 17-2 whipping of Canadore Panthers.

Get OHIP numbers

Students turning 21 in the next three months should apply for their own OHIP number as soon as possible.

People are no longer covered under their parents' OHIP when they turn 21; therefore it is important for students to get their own.

Marian Kerr, college nurse, said the forms are available in the Health Services office in the Lundy building. She said most students can obtain premium assistance and their coverage will be free.

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The name of the discoverer of Lake Erie may well be lost in the mists of time. A search for information on who was the first white man to see the lake failed to turn up any new clues, but some historians believe it was either Father Hennepin or the French explorer Etienne Brule.

(Drawing courtesy of Robert Simpson Collection)

Who did *find Lake Erie?*

The identity of the first white man to discover Lake Erie may never be discovered because the explorer was probably illiterate and could not record his findings, Erno Rossi, a Port Colborne High School history teacher, said.

"It could have been a Jesuit priest or one of LaSalle's men but probably not," Mr. Rossi said. The discoverer was probably a subordinate on an expedition and his leader would have taken the credit.

The person who can convincingly answer the identity question will win a $1,000 prize offered by a businessman in the United States. A panel of Great lakes historians will study contest entries later this month and award Le Prix de Lac Erie to the successful contestant.

The answer, if there is one, would be found in the religious archives in France, Mr. Rossi said.

Mr. Rossi discounted Samuel De Champlain and Jacques Cartier. "They would have recorded their discoveries and since there are no records, it wouldn't have been them." Father Hennepin, who was the first white man to see Niagara Falls, was a member of LaSalle's expedition that crossed Lake Erie, but he was probably not the first white person to see the lake.

George Huber, a history teacher at Lockview High School in Port Colborne, said he would place his money on Etienne Brule. Judges of the contest have ruled out Brule as a possibility. They claim he was illiterate and unable to record or map his discoveries. For this reason, they cannot credit Brule with the discovery.

Mr. Rossi said the amount of research required to collect the $1,000 would be very extensive. "Personally, I just didn't think it was worth it."

Holds draw for dinner

Anything planned for Valentine's Day yet? Well, if not, how does an intimate dinner for two sound?

The alumni association will hold a raffle and the prize will be a dinner for two at Rinderlins Dining Rooms on Burger Street in Welland. The value of the prize will be $60.

Tickets for the raffle are 50 cents for one and three for $1. They will be on sale this week and can be obtained by alumni members or by contacting Gerri Newell, administrative assistant of educational and student services, at ext. 603.

The draw will take place on Feb. 13 in the counselling department at 2 p.m. Mrs. Newell said Dr. Tony Knowles, dean of science and technology, Bette Ferguson, director of student services, and Carmen Angi, chairman of the alumni association, will be at the draw.

SWAP program calls students to work abroad

By TRACEY CHAGNON
Staff Writer

Niagara College students have an opportunity to SWAP a run-of-the-mill summer job for a unique work abroad experience.

The Student Work Abroad Program (SWAP) is designed to give students work experience in a foreign country and help them cut their travel costs.

Dave Smith and Morgot Haldenby, SWAP representatives from Toronto, gave a presentation to the college on Jan. 12.

The Canadian government has agreements with the governments of Britain, Ireland, Belgium and New Zealand for work and cultural exchanges, Mr. Smith said. Students will not make a lot of money, but will benefit from working and living in a foreign country.

Work in financial institutions or in hotels is available in Belgium, Miss Haldenby said. In a bank, the student will work as a teller, sort mail, deliver messages, or work the telex. Hotels along the Belgian sea coast hire students to work as bartenders, chambermaids, linen porters or waitresses.

The Belgian government has set a limit on the number of openings for foreign students, she said. For this reason, the committee must be selective and between two equally qualified students gives preference to a member of the Canadian Federation of Students or a student with more work experience.

Those accepted into the Belgian program will be met in Brussels and directed to their pre-arranged accommodations and jobs.

It is harder to find work in Ireland, as it is not prearranged. But if the student is "willing to persever, push, call people and knock on doors," he should have little trouble, Mr. Smith said. The main types of jobs available are in the hotel and restaurant industry, Miss Haldenby said.

For those worried about the turbulent situation in Ireland, Mr. Smith was reassuring. "The student will be in the Republic of Ireland, the south portion, where there are no problems. It is enchanting country, a fantastic place."

Foreign students

Foreign students are welcome to work in New Zealand from May to Oct. 31. On Nov. 1 New Zealand students hit the job market, and the government does not want foreign students taking the jobs away from them, Mr. Smith said.

The job market is fairly fluid with jobs at ski resorts on the south island, or at yachting resorts on the north island, he said. The semi-tropical climate on the north island displays the difference between the two islands during the winter months, May to October in the southern hemisphere.

There are 75 openings in the program with two group departures. The first is in May when 50 students will fly from Toronto to Las Angeles, then on to Auckland. Another group will leave in August travelling the same route.

The student will be flying on a one-year open return ticket, which will enable him to make unlimited stops after his work term, Mr. Smith said. Australia, Las Angeles and Hawaii are open to the student, as long as he is back in Toronto one year after his original departure.

Students are guaranteed jobs if they choose to travel to Britain, Mr. Smith said. The SWAP centre in London will provide access to a job interview leading to a firm job offer within five days of the students' arrival.

He said the student will be able to take a few days to look on his own, but if the search proves fruitless, he can go back to the guarantee. As London is a big tourist region, and many jobs are available. Pubs and restaurants are plentiful, and secretarial jobs need to be filled.

Mr. Smith said the centre puts students together as "instant flatmates."

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